

February 28, 2003

Exemption No. 6570E
Regulatory Docket No. FAA-2000-8454

Captain Stephen A. Forte
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Dear Captain Forte:

This letter is to clarify the conditions and limitations in Exemption No. 6570, as amended, issued to United Air Lines, Inc. (United). That exemption from § 121.434(c)(1)(ii) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) permits United to substitute a qualified and authorized check airman in place of an FAA inspector to observe a qualifying pilot-in-command (PIC) while that PIC is performing prescribed duties during at least one flight leg that includes a takeoff and a landing when completing initial or upgrade training as specified in § 121.424.

The FAA would like to clarify that the "candidate" referenced in Condition No. 1 refers to the qualifying pilot-in-command. The amended conditions and limitations are restated below for clarity.

In consideration of the foregoing, I find that a continuing grant of exemption is in the public interest. Therefore, pursuant to the authority contained in 49 U.S.C. §§ 40113 and 44701, delegated to me by the Administrator (14 CFR § 11.53), Exemption No. 6570, as amended, is hereby further amended by clarifying the language in Condition No. 1. This exemption remains in effect until January 31, 2005, unless sooner superseded or rescinded.

This letter shall be attached to, and is a part of, Exemption No. 6570. The revised conditions and limitations of Exemption No. 6570, which permit certain employees of the certificate holder to represent the FAA for pilot in command observations, are stated below:

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1. A check airman or aircrew program designee may conduct the observation in place of the FAA when:
 - a. The substitution of a check airman or aircrew program designee is pre-approved by the Administrator for each qualifying pilot-in-command candidate.
 - b. No less than 10 hours of supervised operating experience have been completed, and no fewer than two takeoffs and landings have been accomplished during operating experience by the qualifying pilot-in-command candidate; and,
 - c. The pilot-in-command candidate is performing pilot-in-command duties during a complete flight leg, including cockpit preparation, before starting engines checklist, taxi, takeoff, all other flight phases, landing taxi, and securing checklist.
2. Each check airman or aircrew program designee must have the following special qualifications in order to conduct the observation in place of the FAA:
 - a. Must be specifically approved to conduct this activity by the Administrator; and,
 - b. Must have served as a check airman for that certificate holder for no less than six months; and,
 - c. Must not supervise operating experience or conduct the initial line check for the candidate being observed.
3. The certificate holder must maintain student, check airman, and aircrew program designee records that demonstrate compliance with the conditions and limitations of this exemption.

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Sincerely,

/s/

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